ALUMNI EDITION

Columbia Seminary Vantage

SUMMER PROGRAM NEARS END

Between July 14 and August 8 ministers from 10 states and two foreign countries will have attended Columbia's summer offerings for Continued Education.

Two non-credit seminars were offered including "The Minister's Changing World," led by Dean Erskine Clarke and "Worship and Work in Smalltown," led by Dean Jack McMichael in response to the General Assembly's 1975 emphasis on the Small Church.

Four graduate courses for credit designed especially to meet pastors where they live featured President Kline teaching on "How We Communicate the Gospel in a Secular World;" Dr. Nease dealing with the "Pastoral Care of Marriage and the Family;" a study of "Biblical Insights for Preaching from Mark" taught by Dr. Will Ormond; as well as the Doctor of Ministry Core Seminar led by Dr. Wade Huie.

It is not too early even now to look at your Bicentennial Summer of '76 to see how your schedule will allow you to gain from one or two weeks of strengthening your ministry skills. Plan now to join your colleagues next summer.

As a result of a survey across the whole denomination, no courses are offered during the Fall Quarter when you are busiest, but further educational opportunities will be available beginning in January, 1976.

ALUMNI WEEK SET

It is time to mark your calendar for Alumni Week, 1976, and plan your return to Columbia for Alumni Week now. The dates are set: January 28-30, and program schedules will be sent to all Alumni when they are firmly set.

Several class reunions are in the works as well as recognition for faculty retiring or moving, and introductions of new faculty. The dates have been established as a result of surveying the Presbyteries and avoiding, as far as we know, any established meeting days.

Other important Columbia dates which you need to mark are those for the College Conference, February 13-15; the Couples' Conference set for April 30-May 2 and the Columbia Friendship Circle's "Come-See-Columbia Day" which is Thursday, April 22.

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VANTAGE FOR ALUMNI

You are now reading the first issue of a new edition of *Vantage* which is directed specifically to Alumni of Columbia.

It is the hope of the officers of the Alumni Association that this will provide a further means of keeping you in touch with Columbia, and they invite you to send in suggestions as to the kinds of news which you would like included.

If there is something of special note from your location of ministry which you think would be valuable for your colleagues to know, please send it in and we shall be glad to pass it along.

We hope this will be a helpful addition and urge you to start those cards and letters coming.

GIVING UP 500%

In a dramatic surge spurred by the challenge from the Board of Directors to match the first $10,000 of Alumni Giving, Columbia's alumni pledged almost $15,000 this past year. This is almost 500% more than the $2,521 received last year. The number of donors increased over 100% as 223 alumni participated this year as over against 106 the year before.

There is still room for massive improvement when one realizes that the number of givers represents only 15% of the 1500 alumni of Columbia. If more Alumni will participate in supporting Columbia, we can help to offset some of the spiraling costs which face the Seminary.

MARC WEERSING REPRESENTS ALUMNI

Dr. Marc Weersing, President of Presbyterian College, has been elected by the Alumni to represent them on the Search Committee for a new President of Columbia Seminary. In all more than 600 Alumni participated in the election process, or 40% of those eligible. The first meeting of the Committee is July 23 in Atlanta, and Alumni are encouraged to send their suggestions either to Dr. Weersing, Chairman Phillips Noble, or to the Seminary for forwarding to the committee.

WILL YOU BUY A SHARE?

In an effort to make giving to Columbia both significantly higher and easier, the Alumni Association is offering the Share Program of giving for your consideration. One Share is the equivalent of $5 a month for a year or a total of $60 per year. Pledge cards are now being printed to allow pledges to be made in this fashion and will be mailed to all Alumni soon.

DID YOU KNOW...

Two new Professors will join Columbia's faculty this September. Drs. Keith F. Nickle (Biblical Area) and Oscar J. Hussel (Pastoral Area) will begin their teaching responsibilities during the Fall Quarter.

Watch for feature stories on them in the October issue of *Vantage*.

That Columbia provides in excess of $100,000 in scholarship aid to students each year?

THOUGHTS FROM OTHERS

"The need is for more effective use of moral power. The moral law, happily, is a universal law. It is why, even today, moral concepts can have worldwide influence. Christians believe that through Christ the moral law has been revealed with greatest clarity. Christians ought, therefore, to be especially qualified to form moral judgments which are discerning and to focus them at the time and place where they can be effective.

The need is for effort on a worldwide scale. The Christian Church is a worldwide institution. Christianity is not a national or regional religion, nor a class religion nor a race religion. It transcends every known human difference. That fact peculiarly qualifies Christians to discharge tasks of worldwide import."

John Foster Dulles

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Jesus Christ was born in a stable; He was obliged to fly into Egypt; thirty years of His life were spent in a workshop; He suffered hunger, thirst and weariness; He was poor, despised, and miserable; He taught the doctrines of heaven, and no one would listen. The great and the wise persecuted and took Him, subjected Him to frightful torments, treated Him as a slave and put Him to death between two malefactors, having preferred to give liberty to a robber, rather than to suffer Him to escape. Such was the life which our Lord chose; while we are horrified at any kind of humiliation, and cannot bear the slightest appearance of contempt.

Fénelon

Great tranquillity of heart is his who cares for neither praise nor blame.

Thomas à Kempis

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Philosophy makes us wiser, but Christianity makes us better men.

Henry Fielding

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It is when we all play safe that we create a world of utmost insecurity.

Dag Hammarskjold

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